

Florence Township Council Regular Session 2/19/20

Florence, New Jersey
February 19, 2020

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Sandusky at 8:00 PM. Council President Sandusky led the Salute to the Flag.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice was posted on the municipal bulletin board on January 15, 2020; published in the Burlington County Times on January 14, 2020; placed on the Township website, and given to the Trenton Times for information on January 12, 2020.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Present: Frank Baldorossi, Bruce Garganio, Paul Ostrander, Dave Woolston, Jerry Sandusky

Also Present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie, Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator, Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Administrator, Kelly Grant, Township Solicitor; Nancy L. Erlston, Township Clerk

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Session of January 15, 2020
- Closed Session of February 5, 2020
- Closed Session of February 12, 2020

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Garganio to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice vote – all ayes.

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Motion of Woolston, seconded by Baldorossi to receive and file the following reports. Voice vote – all ayes.

- Township Clerk's Monthly Report for January 2020.
- Tax Collector's Tax Monthly Report for January 2020.
- Tax Collector's Water & Sewer Monthly Report for January 2020.
- Tax Collector's Annual Statement of Receipts for Year Ending 12/31/19

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Baldorossi to approve the **Treasurer's Bill List**.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous vote – Motion carried.

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REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter from Judy King requesting permission to use the old firehouse on West Third Street for the meeting of the General Mercer Chapter of the DAR on March 7, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve correspondence. Voice vote – all ayes.

APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public at this time.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, a motion was made by Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to close Public Comments. Voice vote – all ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-59

Appoint Stephen Fazekas as Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-60

Reappoint Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-61

Authorize Refund Landlord Registration - Crowell

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-62

Authorize Refund Landlord Registration - Hutchison

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-63

Adopting the Burl. Co. Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-64

Authorizing 2020 Carnival Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-65

Renew ABC License 2018-2019 River Rock Bar & Grille

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-66

Renew ABC License 2019-2020 River Rock Bar & Grille

RESOLUTION 2020-67

NJDEP TWA Permit for Block 147.01, Lots 3.01 & 3.03

It was the Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Garganio to approve Resolution Nos. 2020-59 through 2020-67.

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Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous vote – Motion carried.

Council President Sandusky presented Township Clerk Nancy Erlston with flowers on behalf of Council for her reappointment as Township Clerk. Clerk Erlston thanked Council for the honor and pleasure of working with them.

ORDINANCES

None at this time.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

None at this time.

REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie explained that he will be giving the PILOT presentation to the Board of Education on Tuesday, February 25th. He also stated that on March 4th he will be meeting with the Department of Transportation regarding the Florence Columbus Road/Route 130 redesign.

Administrator

Administrator Brook explained that Mark Dimon, the owner of property on Florence-Columbus Road, tried to put up a solar farm and had approval from the board. Unfortunately, we are having difficulty with him and his bond. The bond has not been renewed, according to the bonding company, because Mr. Dimon has not given them authorization to do so. We will revisit this at the March 4th meeting and if we don't have the bond by then that would authorize the municipality to proceed to call the bond.

On behalf of the staff, Administrator Brook congratulated Township Clerk Erlston on her reappointment and tenure. He said not only is it well-deserved, but she is an exceptional professional and all are fortunate to have her as Township Clerk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Garganio stated that Administrator Brook and Assistant Administrator Sahol have done a nice job with the walking paths. The staff has been out there and it is starting to look a lot better.

BOARD OF HEALTH

None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

None at this time.

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Seeing no one wishing to be heard, a motion of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to close public comment. Voice vote – all ayes.

A motion of Ostrander seconded by Sandusky to go into Closed Session at 8:07 p.m. where no action will be taken. Voice Vote – all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Council returned to the Regular meeting at 8:36 p.m. No action was taken. Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Garganio to adjourn. Voice vote – all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk
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